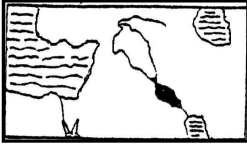


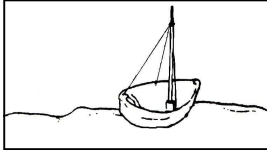
Questions to Ask About a Culture

1. Geography



- Valley between Tigris and Euphrates rivers
- Mesopotamia= “valley between rivers”
- Weather much the same as today hot in summer, cold in winter

2. Economics



- Lacked many natural resources (timber, stone, minerals)
- Fertile land for crops
- Believed each city-state was found by specific deity

3. Religion and Philosophy



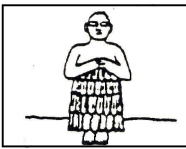
- Worshipped 300 deities
- (Sumerians) made shrines for deities
- Believed each city-state was found by specific deity

4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



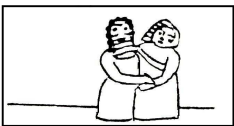
- Only sons of wealthy families went to school, girls didn't go to school
- Not everyone could read or write
- Wrote in cuneiform, used pictographs

5. Political Science



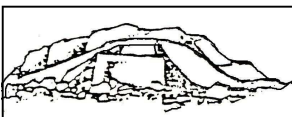
- Settled into city-states
- Uruk most powerful city-state
- Stronger city-states conquered and controlled weaker government

6. Sociology



- Slaves usually treated fairly (by Sumerians)
- If you were poor (had debt) you could become a slave
- If you were rich (wealthy) wore gold jewellery

7. History



- Referred to as “cradle of civilization”
- First known civilizations found here
- Country followed pattern of settlement and conquest